

QA-568

Bryan Cemetery Lot

Grasonville vicinity, Queen Anne's County

1882, 1889

Ownership unknown

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. QA-568

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Bryan Cemetery Lot

other N/A

2. Location

street and number 1600 Perrys Corner Road not for publication

city, town Grasonville X vicinity

county Queen Anne's

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name unknown

street and number unknown telephone unknown

city, town unknown state unknown zip code unknown

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Circuit Court liber MWM 115 folio 329

city, town Centreville tax map 65 tax parcel 44 tax ID number 05-022487

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	0 buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	(unknown)	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0 structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	4 objects
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	5 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Bryan Cemetery Lot is a late-19th century family cemetery that is now in ruins. The Cemetery Lot is located on the south side of Perrys Corner Road approximately halfway between Bryantown and Perry's Corner in Queen Anne's County. It was part of the farmstead of Robert S. Bryan (1799-1882), which occupied the land between the east and west branches of Greenwood Creek. The 0.95-acre Cemetery Lot is heavily wooded and overgrown and is surrounded by open agricultural fields.

The Bryan Cemetery Lot includes four visible markers, all located in the southern third of the lot.

1. A segmented arch stone that has broken off from its base and is propped against a fallen tree.
Juliana E.
wife of Robt. S. Bryan
born
Jan'y 25, 1810
died
May 11, 1889
Loved in Life in death remembered
2. A round arch stone.
R. S. B.¹
3. A stone with the top half broken off and missing and the bottom half inscribed with a poem rendered mostly illegible by lichen.
The legible portion of the poem reads:
... let his white hands rest
Moveless on his pulseless breast.
When shepherds call their flocks
4. A pedimented stone.
H. B.²

There are loose bricks lying on the ground around the markers, possibly remnants of paths or borders. Many of the mature trees in the Cemetery Lot have fallen and not been cleared. The lot is also heavily overgrown with brambles. The Cemetery Lot may contain more than four markers, but they are not visible due to the fallen trees and overgrowth.

¹ Presumably Robert S. Bryan (1799-1882).

² Presumably Henry E. B. Bryan (ca. 1840 - ?), son of Robert S. Bryan who inherited the land on which the cemetery stands.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>funerary</u>

Specific dates 1882 (death of Robert S. Bryan)
1889 (death of Juliana E. Bryan) **Architect/Builder** N/A

Construction dates N/A

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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RESOURCE HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE

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The Bryan Cemetery Lot was part of the farmstead of Robert S. Bryan. Robert S. Bryan (1799-1882) was a prosperous farmer and Queen Anne's County native. Bryan married Juliana E. Mackubin (1810-1889) in Anne Arundel County in 1825. Census records indicate that they had at least eleven children, nine of whom appear to have survived to adulthood. Lake, Griffing, & Stevenson's List of Patrons in their 1877 Map of Queen Anne's County describes Bryan as the owner of 360 acres. Bryan's land lay on both sides of Perry's Corner Road between Bryantown and Perrys Corner. Deeds and maps indicated that the house stood on a slight rise north of the road and the outbuildings stood in a cluster south of the road. In his will, Bryan divided his land between two of his sons. George F. Bryan received the land north of the road, and Henry E. B. Bryan received the land south of the road. Bryan's will delineated the cemetery parcel and directed that it be excluded from any sale of the land.

³ Potter, Elisabeth Walton and Beth M. Boland. *National Register Bulletin 41: Guidelines for Evaluating and Registering Cemeteries and Burial Places*. U.S. Department of the Interior: National Park Service, 1992.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Potter, Elisabeth Walton and Beth M. Boland. *National Register Bulletin 41: Guidelines for Evaluating and Registering Cemeteries and Burial Places*. U.S. Department of the Interior: National Park Service, 1992.

Queen Anne's County Circuit Court. Land Records. ww2.mdlandrec.net.

United States Federal Census Manuscripts for 1830 through 1880. www.ancestry.com

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.95 acres
Acreage of historical setting 0.95 acres
Quadrangle name Queenstown, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary for the Bryan Cemetery Lot is identical to that for Queen Anne's County Tax Map 65, Parcel 44. The boundary encompasses the 0.95 acres called out in the will of Robert S. Bryan in 1882.

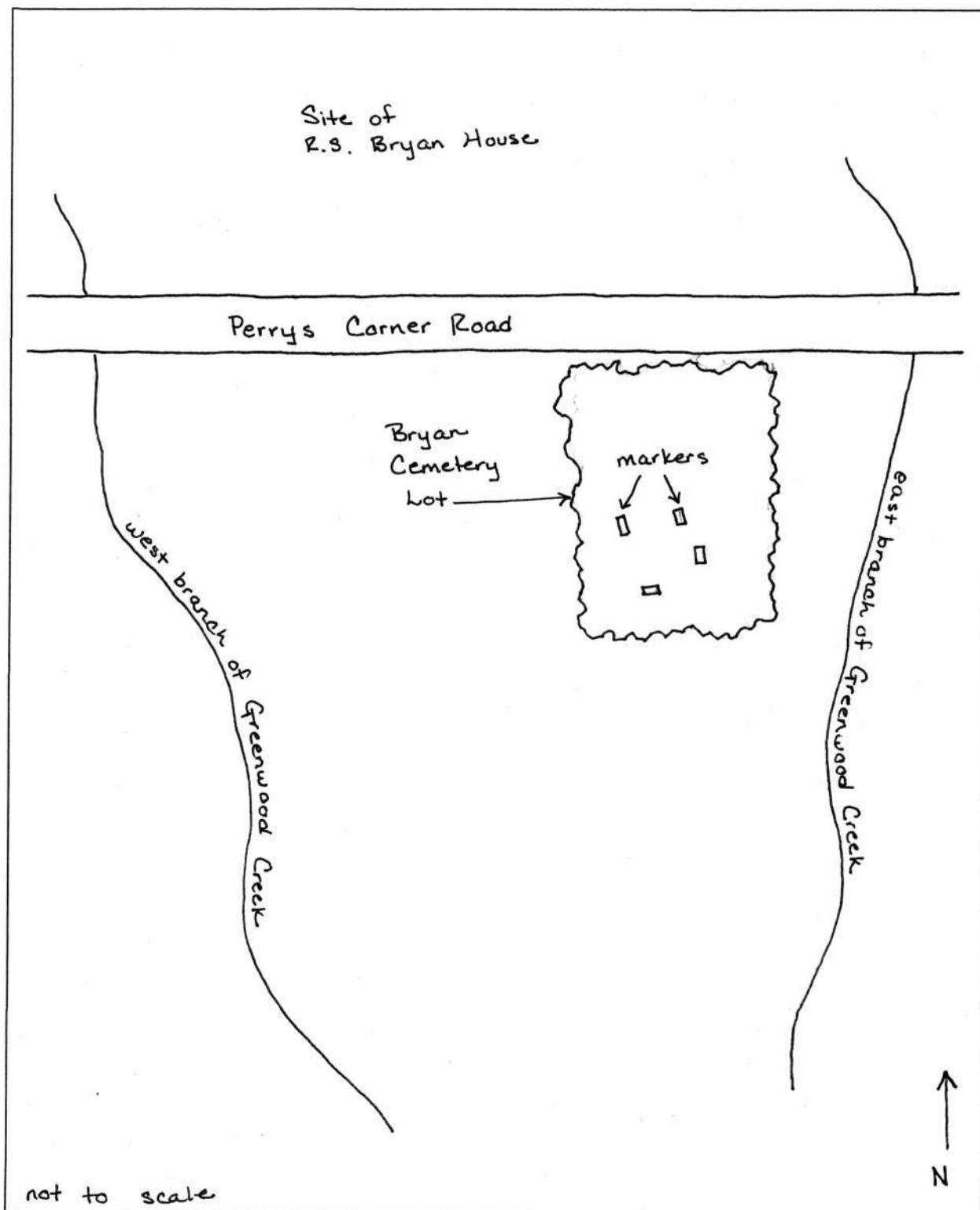
11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington, District of Columbia	state	N/A

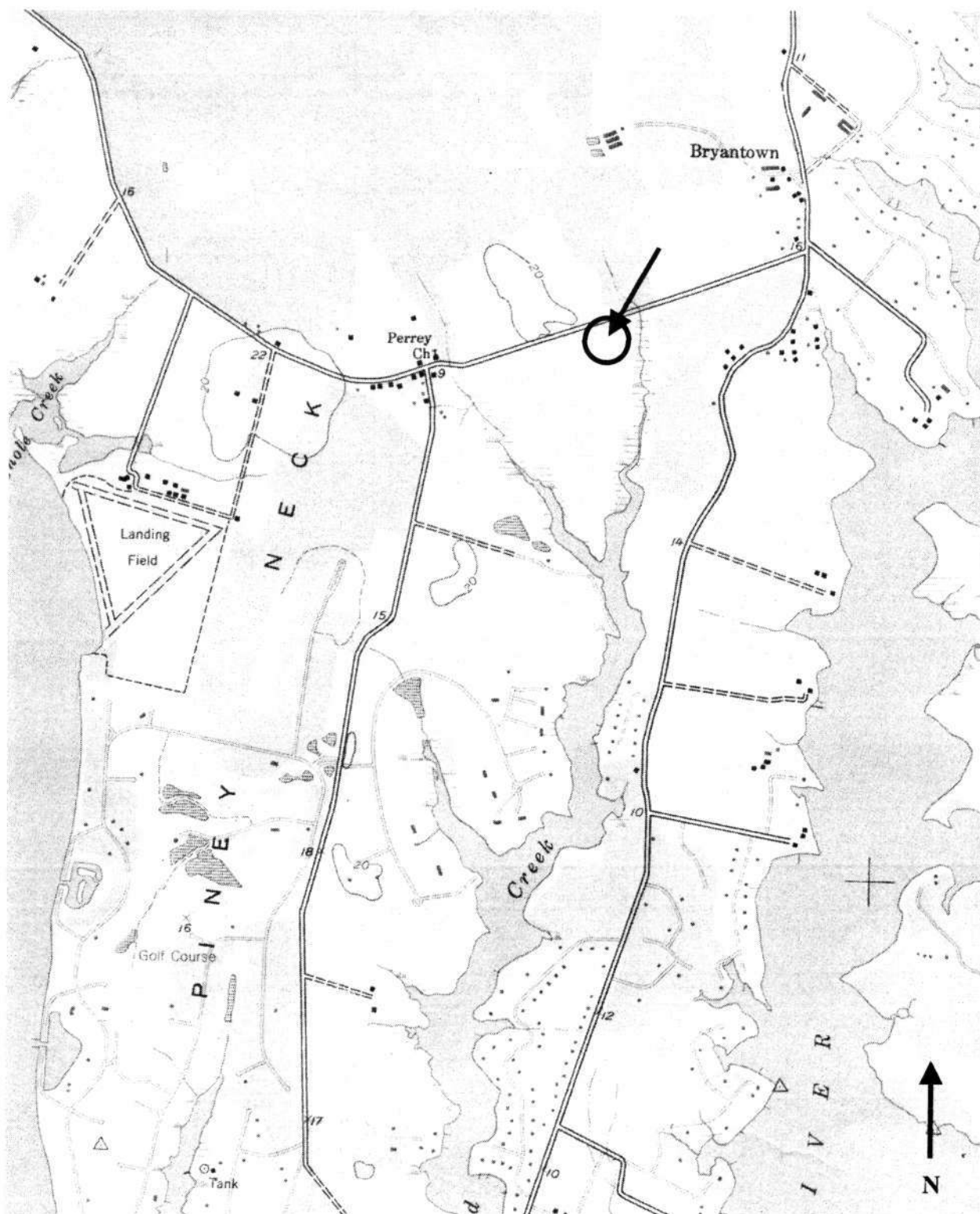
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Site Plan
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Bryan Cemetery Lot
Grasonville Vicinity, Queen Anne's County, Maryland



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Bryan Cemetery Lot
Grasonville vicinity, Queen Anne's County, Maryland
Queenstown, Maryland Quadrangle (1:24,000)



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Bryan Cemetery Lot as seen from the west,

lot 6

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JULIANA

Wife of
Robt S. Bryan,
Born

Jan'y. 25, 1810,

Died

May 11, 1889.

ed in life in death remembered.

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Stone for Juliana E. Bryan

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Stone for R.S.B.

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Stone with poem.

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Stone for H.B.

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Pieces of broken stone and brick on ground.

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